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## **EOC Spot Report **Update # 1**: Region 6 , Fire at International Terminal Corporation, Deer Park, TX (NRC# 1240304 and 1240312)**

**US Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Report as of March 17, 2019 **18:30** EDT**

**Overview:** On March 17, the Region 6 phone duty officer was notified by the NRC (1240304) about the fire at International Terminal Corporation (ITC) in Deer Park, Houston TX. The fire reportedly started around 10:30 am. According to the NRC report one of the tanks containing naphtha has caught on fire, the total capacity of the tank is 80,000 barrels. ITC DEER PARK has issued an evacuation order of 5 miles radius and has engaged in firefighting shore side. City of Deer Park, TX has also issued a shelter in place order. There have been no injuries reported.

**State, Local, and other Federal Agency Action:** Coast Guard Station Houston and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are on scene. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) plume modeling indicated that it would not affect the Houston Ship Channel. An Incident Command Post has been stood up, and Sector Houston Galveston representatives are en route to assist.

**EPA Actions:** A Region 6 OSC and START personnel deployed to the scene. At 1545 local Region 6 activated ASPECT to provide airborne sensing of the International Terminal Corporation Fire in Deer Park, TX. The plan was airborne at 1635 and is expected to be over target at 1800 local.

**Media Interest:** High

<https://www.click2houston.com/news/fire-reported-inside-itc-deer-park-facility-day-after-exxon-plant-fire>

<https://abc13.com/shelter-in-place-issued-for-deer-park-after-fire-at-itc-plant/5200816/>

<https://www.khou.com/article/news/local/shelter-in-place-expanded-to-include-all-of-deer-park-tank-fire-remains-uncontrolled/285-30ca8f2d-f977-4b38-b2ca-a1f76f6140b5>

**The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provide updates as needed**

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